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The State Journal is a member of the Associated Press and receives the full day lelegraph report of that great news organization for the exclusive afternoon publication in Topeka.

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The ground hog is making an enviable record for reliability this year.

President Taft's attempt to apply the Golden Rule to the immigration bill is resented by the majority in congress.

the Democrats reckless is indicated by their desire to apply to literacy test to

Dr. Friedman of Berlin appears to be the Doctor Cook of the medical world. If he come to this country he should not fail to bring his Eskimos

No doubt about it. Those who can get next will be most ardent and active workers for the cause of the new Progressive party that has been organized in Kansas. Something like \$3,150 in cash is in its war chest.

It is already apparent that the course of Mr. Wilson while acting as president of the United States will not prove satisfactory to the Bull Moosers, They have already nominated the leader of the herd for president in

A Swiss judge will probably be run out of Europe for his tendencies to destroy a most profitable industry. He just sent a man to jail and fined him \$100 for doing no more than selling a spurious antique to an American visitor in Geneva.

Perhaps it will be just as well for Mexico if the internecine strife continues until every one of the prominent political brigands in the country is slaughtered. Then there may be some chance for the establishment of a stable government.

Don't waste too much of your valuable time making a minute examination of such oyster shells as come to hand, or straining the oyster soup. Those pearls, representing a big forre found by one of Chicago's delivery wagon drivers, were ment. in a leather casket.

Much prominence is always given throughout the country to the news of an occasional shipment of \$1 000,tal value of the Kansas farm products, irrespective of live stock, 1912 was approximately \$325,000 000, or a production of wealth at a rate larger than \$1,000,000 for each working day in the year.

Those economists, who are strong for the theory that if the pennies are saved the dollars will take care of themselves, have assuredly found a vindication for their contention some news from Lansing. One of the men, just released from state's prison, walked out of it with \$130 in his jeans. He had accumulated that sum by saving three cents a day.

Presumably, the deadening influence of congress is responsible for the fact that Washington is without anything that savors of a sense of humor. Just think of it. They actually arrested a fireman there and thrust him in jail because he turned in a false fire alarm so that a visiting brother from the country would have a chance to see the horses run.

And the end of the fish tale about a man hooking such a husky specimen of the finny tribe in Lake Michigan that it broke off a big hunk of ice on which the fisherman was standing and towed him out into the lake until the line broke under the strain, is that "Perch abound in Lake Michigan." Merely for the benefit of the few who may not be familiar with the proportions of perch, a solemn oath is hereby taken that one which weighed two pounds would be a whopper, and the Methuselah of his race.

The strike of eastern railroad firemen if it be called will produce a condition little short of Gen. Sherman's definition of war. The probable results as summarized by the New York World are: "It would paralyze all railroad traffic east of Chicago and north of the Potomac and Ohio. It would stop the movement of daily supplies throughout the most thickly settled sections of the country. In the dead of winter it would prevent the shipment of coal and provisions. After a short time it would arrest the wheels of industry and subject millions to

THE TROUBLE IN MEXICO.

all the land. His failure to break up the great the big landed estates caused Porfirio tiser. Diaz to lose his job. Madero's neglect to profit by that experience has brought him trouble.

There is a strong suspicion that the revolutionary spirit is being fomented and kept alive by American interests and American money with the purpose of forcing the United States to invade the country. Invasion might easily be followed by permanent occupation. Diaz, the rebel leader, is reported to be paying his soldiers two dollars a day in cash. Where does he get the

It has been charged that the Standard Oil company financed Madero's revolt, but positive proof has not been forthcoming. The Standard is known to be heavily interested in the oil fields of southern Mexico. It would be cause for regret if the United States should be dragged into a war to further money making schemes of private parties; but the civilized world will Block, manager.
Boston Office: Tremont Building, Paul not long tolerate existing conditions down there.

If it were not for the Monroe Doctrine Germany or England probably would have acted before now. As it is they look to Uncle Sam to do police duty for all the countries south of us. How he will meet the situation is not vet indicated.

CRUMBINE.

Kansas may well be proud of the record of its board of health, that in the main means of the work of its unique Crumbine. While at times the orders and measures coming from the secretary may seem drastic they have been for the conservation, maintenance and That accession to power is making standard and a pace for the other

First to abolish common drinking by federal government and 27 states.

bidden on interstate carriers after March 1, 1913. First to forbid use of ice directly in water tanks on railroad trains, to be-

ome effective July 1, 1913. First to establish a standard for oysters and prohibit shipments in old. filthy wooden tubs and compelling shipments in glazed metal containers that could be sterilized and ice packed around instead of in the oysters, sav-ing the consumers annually \$75,000. Most all of the states have since adopt-

ed the Kansas standards.

First to invent a portable emergency hypochlorite plant for purifying pol-luted city water supply on short notice in case of typhoid epidemic. Since adopted by many other states and

countries. harst to utilize the boy scout movement in town cleanups and anti-fly campaigns. Since has been recommended by national organization.

First to utilize the moving pictures as an educational feature in public public health work, bince its utilization has ecome universal. First to make investigations covering

one year of the loss of weight in stored butter and flour to check up short weights. This data is now used all over the United States by food com-

First to make a study of tomatoes

and canned tomatoes industry.
First to investigate the condition of waters served on railroad trains and stations, resulting in federal governof an occasional shipment of \$1 000.- ment appointing a commission for 000 in gold from Alaska. But the to- fixing a standard for "What is pure (safe) water," of which the Kansas secretary is a member (just appoint-

> First to start research work on the relation of the sand-fly to the mysterious disease pellagra (still in progress).

First to have a summer school for physicians and health officers, to train men for state service. (Third annual this year. Fifty registered last year). First to undertake a social study of vital statistics to be used for social betterment, (Now under way).
One of five states that the United

States public health service grades in class A in certain phases of public health work.

First to adopt civil service examina-

and drug inspectors.

First to fix standard for medicines not standardized by the U. S. P., N. F. and other standard authorities. First to regulate the sale of deteriorated patent medicines. Kansas standards are copied all over the United

States. Looking for His Master.

A little brown dog wanders the streets of Nowata, looking and listening for the master who will never again whistle to him; whose hands will never again lovingly pul his long silky ears, and toy with the curly brown hair; looks and listens for a form that he will never again see and for a voice that is forever still.
"Lou," the little brown water-spaniel who belonged to "Dutch" Shufeldt is heartbroken over the loss

of his master. He is an old dog now For seventeen years, ever since he was a tiny puppy, Lou had ridden on nitro-glycerine wagon with Shufeidt. Perhaps he did not realize the awful death that was al-

ways so near him, or perhaps his implicit faith in his master kept him from fearing the deadly liquid.

When Shufeidt left his home last Friday morning, the first time in

head and howled dismally.

The master did not come home that night, nor will he ever return; but the little brown dog still looks for him. He has almost reached that stage when dogs die of old age. This man who is married.

A woman is more or less backward from a literary point of view when she reads the last chapter of a novel first.

If every young man could see the girl he is love with eating her dinner when nobody is watching her, the crop of old bachelors would increase.

coupled with the loss of his master There can never be permanent peace in Mexico as long as a few people own find the master who has passed into beyond .- Nowata Adver-

JAYHAWKER JOTS

into the store. more of a soft-biled shirt."

not liable for his wife's bills. man is not liable for his wife's bills.

Mrs. Peffer, in her Eureka Herald, suggests that many women will be glad to know that this judge thinks a woman is entitled to as much for clothes

THE "OUTS" AND THE "INS." and indefatigable secretary, Dr. S. J. as the rent amounts to. But Mrs. Peffer overlooks the important fact that rents in France are a mere picathese United States.

for the conservation, maintenance and exploitation of that great thing for all the people, health. Kansas has set a ent of the Downs Times: Our school spoils'—with the possible exception

tup, now prohibited on interstate trains to Jake Scott up South Branch last but pretense is not. It is always well by federal government and 27 states.

First to abolish roller towel, now forselves in the barn. A mule will do porter. most everything else but get himself into trouble. He rarely does that. He may run away, but he never runs off a bridge or into anything where he might hurt himself. The above is the first case of the kind we ever

GLOBE SIGHTS BY THE ATCHISON GLOBE

A distinguished appearance count as much now as it used to. Extending a helping hand seems easie when there isn't anything in it. A man with nothing to do but amus When you get cornered in an argument, ust say: "Well, I meant generally speak-

While the neighbors may not talk about An only child sometimes has its troubles,

as parents are not always as obedient as they might be. There isn't as much official business as one might infer from the way statesmen use their franking privilege.

You are more likely to note the mis-takes of others than your own, if you happen to be looking in their direction.

It sometimes happens, no doubt, that a man talks in his sleep because his wife gave him no opportunity during his waking hours. Girls go to the drug store plexions at an earlier age than they used to, and it is possible there is too much

Progress in some other directions. Billy Sunday has lasted longer evangelistic league than he could have in baseball. Billy isn't as funny as the people who put up with him and for him.

QUAKER MEDITATIONS. [From the Philadelphia Press.]

Prosperity also covereth a multitude of

given until it is asked for.

It is just as well to remember that the school of experience isn't a Sunday school.

The only similarity between patriotism and politics is that they both begin with p. It takes a pretty evenly balanced man (Mass.) Republican. It takes a pretty evenly balanced man to be as strong in prosperity Universal peace is an idle dream. There

tion as basis of appointment of food will probably always be suffragettes, and Some people spend all their lives looking in the Lost and Found column for oppor-

of men with good intentions.

Tommy—"Pop. what is a dyspeptic?"
Tommy's Pop—"A dyspeptic, my son, is a man whose meals don't fit him."

"Charity begins at home." quoted the Wise Guy. "Yes, but it is apt to be out if anybody calls," replied the Simple Mug.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

A man may not be honest, although he efuses to take a hint.

KANSAS COMMENT

PARENTAL DELAY.

Judge Porterfield's suggestion of legislation holding parents to a strict ac Attention is called by the Howard Courant to the fact that the peaches have already been killed twice this season—once during the warm weather in December, and once last week visited upon the children would seem to strike somewhere is something of death in the sound of this outward flowing—A failing of breath and we go as the waters are going. The inward swirl, the joy of the high wave's leap about the sins of the fathers being about the sins of the fathers countability in the supervision of their season—once during the warm weather in December, and once last week when it got cold.

Something in the way of a rather discouraging suggestion from the Gridley Light: If you are going to be good, you will have to cut out all the bad traits at once—one can't be good on the installment plan.

Ing about the sins of the fathers being visited upon the children, even to the time that the line of visiting the sins of the children upon the fathers and mothers at least to the first generation, be considered and a remedy sought. The most cursory scrutiny of the juvengled on the installment plan. the bad traits at once—one can't be good on the installment plan.

A high school note in the Howard Courant: A conversation between two Freshmen was overheard lately in which one explained two good algebra tions have to deal.

grades by having an answer book for help: "Aw, shucks," returned the other, "I had two answer books, and then missed 'em all."

One of the good stories going the evidences of unfitness. These cases rounds was started by a Cherryvale comprise a very small proportion of the merchant. He tells that not so long welfare board and juvenile court inago an old man and his wife wandered vestigations, parental laxity and gross "Pa," said the old neglect of responsibility being the lady, "what's them negligee shirts they aggravated causes for complaint. Too advertise so much; are they flannel much is heard about the children of shirts or biled shirts?" "Why," this generation being more wayward. promptly answered the old man, "they than those of other generations, and ain't the old time biled shirt. They're too little about parents of the present A French judge recently handed down a decision to the effect that a of the whip has rightly passed away, man is not liable for his wife's his but there is no statute of limitations

THE "OUTS" AND THE "INS." It makes a very great difference which side of the fence you are ch yune compared with what they are in The "outs" are always opposed to "spoils," and the "ins" unfailingly exploitation of that great thing for all the people, health. Kansas has set a standard and a pace for the other states.

Here is a compiled list of things in which Kansas led all the states in the way of health conservation:

First to inaugurate state-wide antific game in the way of health conservation:

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First to inaugurate state-wide antific game in the lectures which the children must get?

And what about the grown folks who are quite often tardy themselves at their different lines of business? Let's give them a few lectures.

Solite Sate Bose Valley correspondent of the possible exception of the alleged economical board of county commissioners of this county. Thus we find the Democrates of Kansas, heretofore opposed to Republican division of spoils, agreeing to patronage distribution in Kansas by Thompson, Sapp, Pepperell and Parkman, are quite often tardy themselves at their different lines of business? Let's give them a few lectures. tion to the fact that two-thirds of the Here's something you never heard of before, insists the Alma Enterprise: the part of the "outs," but envy. O. J. Hess sold a span of young mules That's all. Reform is a good thing.

FROM OTHER PENS

IMMIGRATION BILL VETOED.

act, it was an act of calm deliberation and high intelligence. Mr. Taft took the ten days allowed by the constituduty, he heard both sides with judicial fairness and, notwithstanding the admitted presumption that congress had acted with wisdom, he found the argu-ment against the measure too strong to be overcome. The veto will stand, perhaps, as the most important act in While the neighbors may not talk about the last days of this administration. A literacy test for immigrants overturns American traditions and ideals, and Mr. Tof. her observe the control of the control and Mr. Taft has chosen to stand by the older conception of the country's mission as the land of freedom and opportunity. Heaven knows how this conception has been qualified in law missioners in short weight frauds.

First to utilize the popular postcard in public health education.

First to investigate the question of "copper in oysters." Now considered a classic even by the federal govern
The control of t tance to test an immigrant's capacity

For many years the struggle has gone on in relation to this test. President Cleveland vetoed a bill embodying it. It is not singular that presidents hesitate to be responsible for the change in national policy involved. No her carelessness. And yet was she so her carelessness. And yet was she so her carelessness. And yet was she so her carelessness. She had trusted and change in national policy involved. No her carelessness. And yet was she so man in that high office would be like-much to blame? She had trusted and ly to court the fame of having been instrumental in placing such an act on the statute book. America was discovered, settled, and largely built up by plain folks from over the seas who could do a day's work, but could neither read nor write. It is showing scant respect for our pioneer ancestors to make a man read before he can be

an American.

It is futile to compel this in order to safeguard American labor in our own time or to raise the moral tone of American civilization. The labor of American civilization.

A LESSON FROM IRELAND.

A very encouraging augury for the success of home rule in Ireland is found in the fact that the voters there go to the polls. This general disposition to attend to that civic duty For one man whose religion is sane there are a hundred whose piety comes in the form of spasms.

Untested virtue is the cheapest commodity in the market. The world is full of men with good intentions.

disposition to attend to that civic duty has been noted in many Irish elections, but never so strongly, perhaps, as in the recent parliamentary contest in Londonderry. The returns of that election are of a sort to cause the average American to marvel. average American to marvel at the contrast thus presented between an Irish electorate and one in this country. It appears that out of a total registration of 5,462 in Londonderry, 5,341 voters cast their ballots, the The social reformer was inspecting the slums. "I have come to the conclusion," he remarked, "that good men are mighty scarce." "And bad ones are apt to make themselves so when they are wanted," replied the plain clothes man who was showing him around. narrative of extraordinary efforts to get out the vote. The result is the get out the vote. The result is the more amazing because in the United From the Chicago News.]
Food for reflection is often adulterated.
Egotism is always ready to monopolize the spotlight.

States, even after heated campaigns, and when nothing is left undone to obtain a full vote, the number of stay-at-homes is usually 50 per cent States, even after heated campaigns, Egotism is always ready to monopolize the spotlight.

A burned child is shy about striking when the iron is hot.

Most people think it more foolish to give than to receive.

Stay-at-homes is usually so per cent of the electorate, and sometimes much more. One of the most stirring local campaigns in the United States was that in Los Angeles a year or more ago, when a Socialist was pitted more ago, when a Socialist was pitted against the present mayor of that city Excitement was at fever First and the world flirts with you; marry and you sit at home.

Our neighbors seem to believe that one good turn deserves ten others.

Excitement was at sever heat, and there was resort to every conceivable expedient for getting out the vote. Yet the returns showed that less than 75 per cent of the electorate went to Friday morning, the first time in years he did not take the dog with him. All morning Lou looked for his master. When the explosion in which Shufeldt lost his life shook Nowata, the dog pricked up his ears, listened a moment and then as if he sensed the head and howled dismally.

Our neighbors seem to believe that one yet the returns showed that less than of the girls within a year, and bless me forever for giving you the chance. Yet the returns showed that less than of the girls within a year, and bless me forever for giving you the chance. She's a hummer."

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Yet the returns showed that late to attorney General Wickersham and Secretary McVeagh.

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The fact that the bill Broadly speaking, people who attend scrupulously to their civic duties are better fitted for self-government than -xa aut of self-government than ercise of the franchise. Voters in the United States would profit if they took a lesson from their Irish brethren.—San Diego Union.

Ravens vorth, W. Va., Feb. 18.—G. W. C. Lee, eldest son of General Roberts and the man who won her hand with enthusiasm?" asked the suffrage evangelist. "Yes; my last three bosses all showed unmistakable enthusiasm in firing aroused by such praise. Mr. and Mrs. Ryder sat on the veranda with the Express.

It is dark on the quay,
With only a white gull calling,
And a whisper at sea
Where the long slow tide is falling,
And the creak of a rope where a ship
stirs in its sleep,
And the sound of slow water where the
outward currents creep.

the deep.

Leslie West, in the Pall Mall Gazetie

THE EVENING STORY

Miss Joy's Mistake.

(By Michael J. Porter.)

Miss Joy Bennett of the suburban village of Rosedale finished her half and she had selected and paid for them when, like any other girl or woman with a dollar left in her purse, she gazed around to wor what else she could possibly buy.

Yes, she left her purse on the counter while she stepped along to the hosiery counter. That's a privilege of the sex. It was men's hosiery. There were socks of all colors and makes, and all were hole-proof, moth-proof, weath-er-proof, bomb-proof and other kinds

of proof.

Miss Joy didn't wear men's socks as a usual thing, but there was no harm in looking at them and wondering if the heathen of Africa were supplied. There were any number of people about, but the girl noticed only that she could recall later on.

was a tallish, good-looking young man with dark eyes and curly hair, who was also looking at socks, and a

As she bought her ticket at the win-As she bought her ticket at the window in the depot she might have seen both the good-looking young man and the ferret-faced one had she not been thinking of her lost purse. In fact, the former bumped against her as she left the window. He had also bought a ticket to some destination. It turned out to be Heatherville, two sta-

The young man did not get out of the depot without another bump. This was when the ferret-faced one ran against him, and they were tan-The president's veto of the immigration bill was not only a courageous pin to change hands. Nothing was known of the change, however, un-til the plundered one had taken a seat the ten days allowed by the constitu-tion for careful consideration of his duty, he heard both sides with judicial looking girl doesn't slip away from a young man's memory in an hour. He started to take out his watch, but it wasn't there. His hand was lifted to where his pin ought to be. It wasn't there.

"By George! Robbed!" If it was strange that the girl had laid the loss of her purse to the young man, it was not so strange that after half an hour's figuring he said to himself:

"Yes, that's it. When we bumped in the depot she got the watch and and outraged in practice—at times pin. Lord, she must be a daisy! Yes, from necessity, doubtless. But something did remain of it in the reluction that the pin. Lord, she must be a daisy! Yes, sir, that must be the way of it."

He had also bumped with the ferret-face, but he was not to recall that until later on.

confided in the public, and yet a young and well-dressed man who looked to be a gentleman had played the sneak thief. It was contemptible. Could anything be done? Could he be arrested on her complaint and de-scription? Would they give him one

year or three in prison? Miss Joy gritted her teeth a looked around for the first time. Three seats back, on the other side of the aisle, sat the young man—the sneak thief! He looked right into her eyes as bold as brass, though he did change color at her start of surprise "The thief, and here!" she whis-pered to herself.
"Isn't she a bold one, though!" he

whispered to himself. "Dare I make a charge against

him?" she wondered.
"I can't make a row here," he decided after a moment.

What was to be done? For a quarter of an hour both thought the matter over and then came thought the matter over and then came to the same conclusion. Nothing could be done. He would have passed the to a confederate, and she likepurse to a confederate, and she like-wise her plunder, and what did either have in the way of proof. Denouncing a man or woman is not proof. Both had the intelligence to see that, and so when her station was reached Miss had to content herself with giving Mr. Frayne Harper a long, lingering look intended to shrivel his wicked soul lke a cabbage leaf on a hot stove and

then drop off. also, and probably ascertained the girl's identity, but that would do him little good. It was the first time he was ever plucked, and he felt humili-

ited over it.

A period of three weeks elapsed, dur-A period of three weeks elapsed, during which time they uncovered more police graft in New York city, and the suffrage movement continued steadily on. Then came a letter conveying a kind invitation for Mr. Harper to come down to The Willows for a couple of weeks' vacation. It was from his old college chum. Ryder who from his old college chum, Ryder, who

young man as the girls came sauntering back. The introduction to Miss Farwell passed off all right, but that to Miss Bennett hung fire. Both stared at each other. Both blushed and stammered. It was a knockdown surprise from which they did not be the start of the st from which they did not quickly rally. After a stupid ten minutes Mrs. Ryder got the girls away to say to Miss Joy:

"Why, what on earth is the matter with you!" "I-I thought-thought I had seen Mr. Harper before!"

"But that can't be it. Why, you seemed thunderstruck." "I guess it's because he reminded me

of somebody."
"I like his looks very much indeed,"
added Miss Farwell. There was a colored man in the woodpile, but Mrs. Ryder wasn't going to unt him out just then.

"And what if you had?"
"Oh, nothing."
"Did she have you up for breach of

romise?'
"I can't remember." Both laughed and the subject was dropped, though it left a feeling of con-

straint. That night, when the husband and wife could talk together, he said: "It's mighty queer how they acted." "It surely is, and Joy won't explain "I don't believ they ever met before."
"Nor I either. I think Joy will want

o go home tomorrow." "Neither of them shall go unless we ave a fair explanation, and you can tell Joy that. However, let us hope there will be a change for the better in he morning."

This hope was realized. Miss Joy and Mr. Harper greeted each other cordially next morning, and held conversation at breakfast. Indeed, after the meal the girl said to him: "I want to go to the village to shop a little and mail a letter. Won't you

was her own carelessness. She was personally acquainted with a book-keeper, and she went to him and borkeeper, and she went to him and borkeeper to h slammed and banged until he yielded up a watch and diamond pin. Then he was slammed until he yielded up a purse. There was no money in it, but there were two diamond rings.

"My purse!" gasped Miss Joy.
"And he robbed me in the depot the same day!" The pickpocket was well kicked and permitted to go, and the two others looked at each other without a word.

There was nothing feroclous in the talk going home, and weeks later, when the engagement was announced. Mr. Ryder said to his wife:

them at the start?"-(Copyright, 1913, in the car. He had recognized Miss by the McClure Newspaper Syndicate.) WANT TO HIRE A BOY

> Judge MacFarland Wants Work for His Wards.

Probate Judge Hugh MacFarland is looking for work for several of the wards of the juvenile court. He believes they will be better off with something useful to occupy their minds in their odd hours and may have something to do with keeping them out of mischief.

"They are pretty good boys," Judge MacFarland says. "I believe they would make good. They say they want to work and I believe they do."

If anybody knows where such boys, a.!! something under 16 years old, can find work they will confer a favor on Judge MacFarland by letting him know about it.

TO HIKE 13 MILES.

Suffs Leave Early for Jaunt to Wil-

mington Today. Chester, Pa., Feb. 18.—With ranks unbroken the little band of suffragettes walking from New York to Washington in the interest of their cause started

southward from this city today.

Their objective point was Wilmington, Del., thirteen miles away, which they expected to reach before nightfall. weather was cold but a brilliant sun shone, producing almost ideal con-ditions for the march on country roads.

WESTERN U. TO MOVE.

Telegraph Company to Occupy New England Building Addition.

The Western Union Telegraph company will occupy the new two story addition to the New England building which will be completed this year, according to a report current today.

The Kresge company of Detroit, Mich., has purchased the building now occupied by the company and the building adjoining wants possession, so that it can start the erection of a two story fire proof building.

That City Wins First Round in Fair Fight in Senate.

hen drop off.

Mr. Harper could have gotten off iso, and probably ascertained the iri's identity, but that would do him title good. It was the first time he cities.

First Step to Make Iowa Dry.

had become a Benedict and set up as a gentleman farmer.

"Another fellow and two girls will be Taft today referred the Webb bill reghere," wrote Ryder. "You'll marry one of the girls within a year, and bless me forever for giving you the chance. She's a hummer."

The fact that the bill was sent to

STATE PUBLICATION.

A Kansas Author and Publisher Give His Views.

To the Editor of the State Journal: There is so much misunderstanding and such a lack of information about Kansas school book supply and production that in justice to the opponents of publication by the state ! would like to submit some facts for

would like to submit some facts for your readers.

While discussing state publication with a friend of mine, an intelligent and representative citizen, he said: "I am opposed to the state engaging it business ventures in competition with its citizens, but I favor state publication because the powerful Book trusthes the state in its insidious grip." hunt him out just then.

"Say, old man, what the devil is it?" demanded Mr. Ryder as he walked his guest around.

"Why, I thought I had seen Miss Bennett before.

"And what if you had?"

"Oh, nothing."

"Did she have you up for breach of the state in its insidious grip. What do you mean by the Book trust? Was my reply. "The American Book company." was his prompt response to maked to name the books the trust furnished, he could not do it. When asked to state in what way it. gripped the state he could not tell. He was greatly surprised when informed that the American Book company furnished but one of the radopted books for grade scho

that bookkeeping, which is not generally taught in the schools,

The school book business in this western country is done chiefly by small companies; one hundred and sixty-two in all. At the Oklahoma adoption last summer there were seventy-six competing companies and the large companies—the American Book Co. and Ginn & Co .- received no con tracts. At the Kansas adoption last May, twenty-eight independent com-panies competed for the business.

The so-called Book trust had no in-fluence and received practically ne fluence and received practically ne business. The small companies, many of them Kansas concerns received most of the contracts.

The following is a list of the adop-

who was also looking at socks, and a younger man with ferret-like face. Twenty different people had a chance to gobble that purse, and there was no telling who had it, but Miss Joy settled on the good-looking young man as the gobbler.

There was \$10 in the purse and her return ticket, but the girl made no fuss over her loss. Of what use? It was her own carelessness. She was personally acquainted with a book-Won't you tions:

ment, Anna E. Arnold, author, Anns E. Arnold, publisher; penmanship, Turman, author, O. P. Barnes, pub-lisher; arithmetic, Smith, author, dina & Co., publishers: primary geography, King, author, Chas. Scribner's Sons, publishers; advanced geography, Tarr & McMurray, authors, The Macmillan Co., publishers; physiology, Krohn & Crumbine, authors, D. Appleton & Co., publishers; grammar, and Co., publishers. pleton & Co., publishers; grammar, Scott-Southworth, authors, Benj. H. Sanborn & Co., publishers; bookkeeping, Williams & Rogers, authors, American Book Co., publishers; primer, adopted 1909, Van Amburgh, au-

These adoptions were made by the state text book commission. The prices were set by the state legislature and everybody given an opportunity to present books for adoption. An examination of the list above will show that most of the books selected were written by Kansas authors and the books are being published by the authors themselves or by small companies, most of whom conduct their business in Kansas. Wooster & Company is composed of reputable citizens of Salima and Miss Lizzie Wooster, a former teacher and resident in Kansas; the author of the Searson & Martin readers is now professor of literature at the Agricultural college; George Rathbun, the publisher of the speller, is a citizen of Edwardsville; Mrs. Caroline E. Prentis needs no introduction to the people in Kansas; Anna E. Arnold, author and publisher of the Leavenworth high school; Della Van Amburg, formerly of Holton, now of Kansas City, Mo.

It is quite evident that the so-called book trust has no grip on Kansas, but the obnoxious term has been and is being used as a "bug-a-boo" to excite the people and scare them into doing wnat they would not do when informed of the truth, and incidentally to destroy existing business interests. thor.
These adoptions were made by the state "It will be the happiest marriage ever, but what in the old Harry alled

business interests.

I am now engaged in the publishing business in Topeka. I am in no way connected with any other company or firm, but am endeavoring in an honest way to build up a legitimate business. This year I have paid out in Kansas for labor alone over eight thousand dollars. I have done some business in each of forty different states. My prospects are fine for enlarging my business providing the state does not legislate me out of this right as it now practically proposes to do.

Is it just for a state thus to legislate against its citizens and take away what are moral and sacred rights, which shound be protected by the state. interests

against its citizens and take away what are moral and sacred rights, which should be protected by the state.

If the state can legally engage in bustness in competition with its citizens why not undertake the manufacture of shoos and stockings, all of which are practically made outside the borders of the state; the manufacture of which, in the state would benefit everybody in a material and substantial way, and bring into school a large number of children who are out for want of shoes. Or if a newspaper, a manufacturer, or a merchant is, by wisdom, energy and grit, making a little money why not have the state scoop up the business and transact it for him. The logic is invincible. Why not draw a line for all alike. Have the state regulate business when necessary, but not to usuiness when necessary, but not to business.

Index any system some books will be

usurp the function of transacting the business.

Under any system some books will be selected which will not suit all the people, but a careful examination of the books now it, use it. Kansas will show that stansas today has as good books and as well made as has any state in the Union and these are furnished at a less price than those in other states; particularly in Callfornia, which has state publication. In that state a United States History is sold to the pupils at 80 cents. Other books are correspondingly high under state publication and results according to the testimony of such prominent men as David Starr Jordan, less satisfactory than a Kansas under our present system. In addition to the high price paid by the pupils for their books the state of California has spent close to a milliem dollars to make up almost annual deficits. The interest on this sum at 6 per cent would pay for more than one-third of all the books used in the grade schools of Kansas. The people of Kansas will likewise find that state publication will be a costly experiment.

Some of the advocates of state publics tion have endeavored to inflame public opinion by charging the Text Book Com-missions with graft and boodle. My ow-the the men composing ti missions with graft and boodle. My own experience with the men composing the commission leads me to believe that nowhere in the state, searching far and wide and long, can you find men of higher character, more honestly and conscientiously striving to do their full duty by the state than those which compose our Text Book Commission.

I have written this of my own volition as a feeble protest against an act which I believe will not only injure private business but more seriously harm the educations.

ness but more seriously harm the educa-tional interests of the state. E. G. FOSTER, Topeka, Kansas, Feb. 18, 1912.

G. W. C. Lee Is Dead.

Ravens vorth, W. Va., Feb. 18.-G. W. C. Lee, eldest son of General Rob-

FOR HUTCHINSON.